

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

**1.-6. (cancelled).**

**7. (currently amended):** A method for treating myocardial infarction in a subject for which hepatocyte growth factor (HGF) is effective, comprising administering by direct ~~intra~~  
~~coronary~~ injection into heart muscle of a subject a therapeutically effective amount of an expression vector containing a HGF gene coding sequence.

**8. (previously presented):** The method of claim 7, wherein said expression vector is encapsulated in a liposome.

**9. (canceled).**

**10. (previously presented):** The method of claim 8, wherein the membrane of said liposome is fused to attenuated Sendai virus particles.

**11. (previously presented):** The method of claim 7, wherein said expression vector is a viral expression vector containing a HGF gene coding sequence.